

Thursday, November 30, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1438–1441. **Pages S17865–66**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, on Monday, December 4, 1995. **Page S17872**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Luis D. Rovira, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2001.

John R. Lacey, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 1998. **Page S17874**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 4:25 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, December 4, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S17872.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 907, to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands; and

S. 1196, to transfer certain National Forest System lands adjacent to the Townsite of Cuprum, Idaho.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, David A. Lipton, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs, Darcy E. Bradbury, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Treasury for Financial Institutions, Melissa T. Skolfield, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Public Affairs, and David C. Williams, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, Department of Health and Human Services,

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on all the aforementioned nominations, and the nomination of Jeffrey R. Shafer, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Gale was introduced by Senator Moynihan, and Ms. Skolfield was introduced by Senators Bumpers and Pryor.

BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Investment Treaty with Albania (Treaty Doc. 104–19), Encouragement Reciprocal Investment Treaty with Republic of Belarus (Treaty Doc. 103–36), Investment Treaty with the Republic of Estonia (Treaty Doc. 103–38), Investment Treaty with Georgia (Treaty Doc. 104–13), Investment Treaty with Jamaica (Treaty Doc. 103–35), Investment Treaty with Latvia (Treaty Doc. 104–12), Investment Treaty with Mongolia (Treaty Doc. 104–10), Investment Treaty with Trinidad and Tobago (Treaty Doc. 104–14), and Investment Treaty with Ukraine (Treaty Doc. 103–37), after receiving testimony from Daniel K. Tarullo, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs; Donald Abelson, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Investment; Robert D. Hormats, Goldman Sachs (International), New York, New York; and Daniel M. Price, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, and Stephen Canner, both of Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the United States Council for International Business.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Roth (Chairman), Stevens, Cohen, Thompson, Cochran, McCain, Smith, Brown, Nunn, Glenn, Levin, Pryor, Lieberman, Akaka, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service: Senators Stevens (Chairman), Cochran, McCain, Smith, Pryor, Akaka, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia: Senators Cohen (Chairman), Thompson, Cochran, McCain, Brown, Levin, Pryor, Lieberman, and Akaka.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began markup of S. 956, to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits, but did not complete consideration of, and will meet again on Thursday, December 7.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, John Thomas Marten, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Bruce D. Black, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico,

Patricia A. Gaughan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Hugh Lawson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Garland was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Simon and Representative Morella, Mr. Marten was introduced by Senators Dole and Kassebaum, Mr. Black was introduced by Senator Domenici, Judge Gaughan was introduced by Senators DeWine and Glenn, and Mr. Lawson was introduced by Senator Nunn and Representative Chambliss.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee To Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Julia Yanda, Senior Counsel, Karen Carmichael, Senior Attorney, and April Breslaw, Counsel, all of the Professional Liability Section, Resolution Trust Corporation.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2692–2701; 1 private bill, H.R. 2702; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 129, and H. Res. 288 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 826, to extend the deadline for the completion of certain land exchanges involving the Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas, amended (H. Rept. 104–371);

H.R. 308, to provide for the conveyance of certain lands and improvements in Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania, to a non-profit organization known as the "Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development" to provide a site for economic development (H. Rept. 104–372);

H.R. 632, to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States (H. Rept. 104–373);

H.R. 1295, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to make certain revisions relating to the protection of famous marks (H. Rept. 104–374); and

H. Res. 287, providing for consideration of H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine (H. Rept. 104–375).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, House Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Amtrak Reform and Privatization: By a ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 832, the House passed H.R. 1788, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified by the rule.

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